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In vitro cell culture tests should be used to replace all lethal animal tests that poison them and NIEHS should adopt the new non-animal tests immediately! Government agencies should use in vitro cell culture tests to completely replace the use of animals in lethal dose tests, not just to set the starting dose for further animal-poisoning tests. The EPA promised in an October 1999 agreement with the animal protection community to incorporate the non-animal cell culture into its HPV chemical program and must immediately make good on that promise..

Signed,

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